

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings.

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A communicating apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit, adapted to receive E-mails stored in a mail box provided on an E-mail server;

an obtaining unit, adapted to obtain a size of an E-mail stored in the mail box;

a storage unit, adapted to store a maximum value of the size of an E-mail which is to be received by said receiving unit;

a discriminating unit, adapted to compare the size of the E-mail obtained by said obtaining unit with the maximum value stored in said storage unit, thereby discriminating whether or not the E-mail is receivable; and

a control unit, adapted to control said receiving unit so as not to receive an E-mail discriminated by said discriminating unit as being not receivable, to send an instruction to the E-mail server to delete the E-mail, and to store into a communication history that the E-mail has been deleted.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control unit receives only header information of the E-mail which was discriminated as being not receivable by said discriminating unit, and stores information that is obtained from the received header information into the communication history.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control unit stores size information of the E-mail which was discriminated as being not receivable by said discriminating unit into the communication history.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein after an E-mail which was discriminated as being receivable by said discriminating unit is received, said control unit stores information obtained from the received E-mail into the communication history.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if a plurality of E-mails have been stored in the mail box, said control unit allows said discriminating unit to discriminate whether or not each E-mail of the plurality of E-mails is receivable.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a recording unit, wherein after an E-mail which was discriminated as being receivable by said discriminating unit is received, said control unit allows said recording unit to record the E-mail.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A communicating apparatus comprising:
an obtaining unit, adapted to obtain size information for each of a plurality of E-mails stored in a mail box provided on an E-mail server;
a selection unit, adapted to select a receivable E-mail on the basis of the size information obtained by said obtaining unit;

a receiving unit, adapted to receive an E-mail selected by said selection unit from the E-mail server; and

a control unit, adapted to control said receiving unit so as not to receive an E-mail which was not selected by said selection unit from the E-mail server.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said selection unit compares a maximum value of a size of an E-mail which has previously been stored with the size information obtained by said obtaining unit, thereby discriminating whether or not the E-mail is receivable.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a deletion instructing unit, adapted to send a delete instruction to the E-mail server for deleting the E-mails which were not selected by said selection unit from the mail box.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A communicating method comprising:

a receiving step of receiving E-mails stored in a mail box provided on an E-mail server;

an obtaining step of obtaining a size of an E-mail stored in the mail box;

a discriminating step of comparing the size of E-mail obtained in said obtaining step with a maximum value of the size of an E-mail which has previously been stored, thereby discriminating whether or not the E-mail is receivable; and

a control step [[of]] of controlling said receiving step so as not to receive an E-mail discriminated in said discriminating step as being not receivable, sending an

instruction to the E-mail server to delete the E-mail, and storing into a communication history that the E-mail has been deleted.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 10, wherein in said control step, only header information of the E-mail which was discriminated as being not receivable in said discriminating step is received and information that is obtained from the received header information is stored into the communication history.

Claim 12 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 10, wherein in said control step, the size information of the E-mail which was discriminated as being not receivable in said discriminating step is stored into the communication history.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 10, wherein in said control step, after the E-mail which was discriminated as being receivable in said discriminating step is received, information obtained from the received E-mail is stored into the communication history.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 10, wherein if a plurality of E-mails have been stored in the mail box, said control step allows said discriminating step to discriminate whether or not each E-mail of the plurality of E-mails is receivable.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 10, further comprising a recording step, of, after the E-mail which was discriminated as being receivable in

said discriminating step is received, that E-mail is recorded.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A communicating method comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining size information of each of a plurality of E-mails stored in a mail box provided on an E-mail server;

a selecting step of selecting a receivable E-mail on the basis of the size information obtained in said obtaining step;

a receiving step of receiving the E-mail selected in said selecting step from the E-mail server; and

a control step of controlling said receiving step so as not to receive an E-mail which was not selected [[by]] in said selection-unit selecting step from the E-mail server.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 16, wherein in said selecting step, a maximum value of a size of an E-mail which has previously been stored is compared with the size information obtained in said obtaining step, thereby discriminating whether or not the E-mail is receivable.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 16, further comprising a deletion instructing step of sending a delete instruction to the E-mail server to delete the E-mails which were not selected in said selecting step from the mail box.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A computer program which is executed by a computer of an information processing apparatus having a communicating function, said

computer program comprising:

code for a receiving step of receiving E-mails stored in a mail box

provided on an E-mail server;

code for an obtaining step of obtaining a size of an E-mail stored in the
mail box;

code for a discriminating step of comparing the size of E-mail obtained by
said code for an obtaining step with a maximum value of the size of an E-mail which has
previously been stored, thereby discriminating whether or not the E-mail is receivable; and

code for a control step of controlling said code for the receiving step so as
not to receive an E-mail discriminated by said code for the discriminating step as being not
receivable, sending an instruction to the E-mail server to delete the E-mail, and storing into a
communication history that the E-mail has been deleted.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A computer program which is executed by a
computer of an information processing apparatus having a communicating function, said
computer program comprising:

code for an obtaining step of obtaining size information of each of a
plurality of E-mails stored in a mail box provided on an E-mail server;

code for a selecting step of selecting a receivable E-mail on the basis of
the size information obtained by said code for an obtaining step;

code for a receiving step of receiving the E-mail selected by said code for
the selecting step from the E-mail server; and

code for a control step of controlling said code for the receiving step so as

not to receive an E-mail which was not selected by said code for a selecting step from the E-mail server.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): A computer-readable memory medium which stores a computer program according to claim 19.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A computer-readable memory medium which stores a computer program according to claim 20.